

CONFLAGRATIONS.

The Finest Building in the City of Cleveland is Partially Destroyed by Fire.

MANY NARROW ESCAPES.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 12.—At 7 o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in a room on the seventh floor of the Stillman hotel, an apartment house on Euclid avenue, near Mulron street, and in a very short time the entire upper story of the building was in flames. The chambermaid who made the discovery ran screaming down the corridors towards the floor, and the guests, only a few of whom had risen, ran from their rooms in the utmost confusion. The clerk, hearing the noise of the commotion, hastened up stairs, when he learned the cause of it. He quickly informed the frightened people that there was no danger, the building being regarded absolutely fire-proof. His reassuring tone allayed their fears and the guests returned to their rooms. Meanwhile, however, the flames, which originated in a room where the scrubbing utensils are kept, were spreading and the sixty servants whose quarters were on the upper floor, barely had time to escape with their lives, many losing all their clothing. Eight steamers were called and it was not until after five hours' hard work that the fire was gotten under control. The roof was entirely destroyed, the heavy timbers falling on the seventh floor and crashing through it in many places. In this way the fire worked down to the sixth floor, and thence to the fifth by means of the ash chutes, but it was not allowed to spread. A heavy beam fell in front of the door of Henry Stevens' room on the sixth floor and shut him in. He was rescued from a window on an extension ladder. Beyond a few cuts from the breaking of windows nobody was hurt.

The Stillman is the finest building in Cleveland. It was erected one year ago at a cost of \$500,000. It is owned by Col. W. H. Harris and Dan P. Eels. With the exception of the roof it was fire proof. The loss on the building is about \$50,000, on which there is no insurance. The guests and families lose about \$15,000 by water. The loss of the servants will aggregate \$30,000. It is supposed that the fire was caused by a curtain blowing into a gas jet.

BUSINESS HOUSES BURNED.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 12.—A disastrous fire occurred this afternoon at Lee's Summit, a small town on the Missouri Pacific railroad, twenty-five miles east of this city. Twenty-eight buildings were burned, comprising most of the business portion of the place. The loss will probably reach \$100,000; the insurance about \$40,000. The fire started in a photograph gallery from some unknown cause. A hose-rod sent from this city by special train arrived in time to do good service. The post-office and journal office were burned.

Among the notable losses are: Gottlieb's dry-goods store \$15,000; Ocker & Martin, lumber, \$9,000; the same on furniture, \$10,000; Lewis' grocery stock, \$10,000.

SEARCHING FOR THE VICTIMS.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., April 12.—Two gangs of men were organized this morning and the work of searching for the bodies of the victims of the Cuyler colliery disaster was resumed.

THE SUDAN.

The Rebellion Against El Mahdi Increasing.

CATRO, April 12.—El Mahdi has gone to El Obeid, leaving the amir to govern Khartoum. The rebellion against El Mahdi is spreading.

Gen. Wolsey says he has no idea of abandoning his intention to recapture Khartoum in the autumn.

A BACHELOR MURDERED.

A KANSAS Farmer Killed for His Money.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., April 12.—Hiram Foulkes, an elderly and eccentric bachelor of some property who lived alone on a farm near this place, was murdered last night by some unknown person, who then stole a horse and escaped.

The crime was not discovered until today, when Foulkes' body was found in a well and the premises untenanted except by an old watchdog which had been shot in the leg. Foulkes' assailant had shot him in the back, thrown his body in the well and then ransacked the house. A bag was found containing Foulkes' personal effects valued at \$1700.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

The Idea of Union by Force of Arms No Longer Entertained.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Senator Peralta, the minister from Costa Rica, has received a dispatch from the Costa Rican minister at the City of Mexico which says that the Central American troubles are settled. The dispatch gives no details, but Senator Peralta promises that the fact that Honduras has entered the already strong alliance of the states of Costa Rica, Nicaragua and San Salvador, and the determined attitude of the Mexican government against the Barrios' project of completing the union of the Central American states, have convinced the

Guatemalan government that it is the better policy for them to take no further steps towards forcing the states into a union.

SINNERS SAVED.

Thirteen of Our Colored Brethren Received Into the Church.

A great crowd of people assembled on the banks of the Trinity yesterday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to witness the baptizing by immersion of five negroes and four brethren of the African Methodist Episcopal church. It is commonly believed that only the Baptists immerse, but a member of the A. M. E. church informed the reporter that it was optional in his church whether baptism was by sprinkling, pouring or immersion. Among the congregation present yesterday were many whites, who were quiet and interested spectators. Elder Read was the minister in charge, and he exhorted those about to take the vows of the church to lead godly lives. The women were generally attired in white and evidently realized the import of the solemn occasion. Several of those received showed signs of emotional religion, but there was none of that wild and unreasonable shouting and display of feeling which the public generally think an accompaniment of affairs of this kind. The colored people of the city were present in large numbers.

JIM COURTRIGHT.

Sensational Stories as to His Present Whereabouts.

The Globe-Democrat, in an issue of last week, contained a highly sensational story, sent from Dallas as a special, setting forth that Jim Courtright was in command of one hundred desperate and dashing Americans who had entered the service of the late Barrios, president of Guatemala, staying also that McIntyre was a rebel under Courtright and that friends of these men had been written to, with the object of having them join the revolutionary army and become soldiers of fortune, the outlook for both being very promising. The special was a fragment of the imagination. Courtright is not and has not been in Guatemala, the late being true of McIntyre, who up to a short time ago is known to have been in Denison in a gambling house.

When Courtright left here he got on a train at the Union depot bound for the North. He was not disguised, and several friends saw him off. A few minutes before the train left, Courtright was standing in the doorway of Glenoh's hotel the chief of police of Albuquerque, who was looking straight at him. Courtright was not in love with Richmond and was anxious to levy a forced contribution on him then and there to the extent of Richmond's money and watch and chain, but his friends discountenanced this and Courtright left without executing the project. Several weeks ago Courtright was in a small town in Dakota. He was armed with two revolvers, which fact came to the knowledge of the officers of the place, who floundered him in a saloon tried to disarm him. Thinking he was wanted for the New Mexican affair Courtright drew one of the pistols, and in the scuffle that ensued he shot one of the officers in the leg. He was arrested and put in jail for this offense. His trial resulted in an acquittal, it being proved to the satisfaction of the jury that the shooting was accidental. Courtright finding himself once more a free man has gone to Montana or Wyoming and his friends here who have heard from him say he will straighten out the charge against him in New Mexico and return to Fort Worth in about six months. These facts have been obtained from officers of Tarrant county.

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Ex-Secretary Frelinghuysen Dying.

NEWARK, N. J., April 12.—Ex-Secretary Frelinghuysen has been in a stupor nearly all day. At 3 o'clock this afternoon he was raised in bed and took a little nourishment. Since then he has been in a continuous state of stupor and it has been impossible to rouse him.

At 10:30 to night Dr. Mercer, one of his physicians, said Mr. Frelinghuysen was gradually sinking and would likely die to-night. He may, however, last forty-eight hours.

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Marine Intelligence.

GALVESTON, Tex., April 12.—St-manship Whittory arrived from Vera Cruz this morning, and after a short detention sailed to Morazan City.

The steamship San Marcos from New York arrived today.

CIGARETTE smokers are cautioned against injurious imitations of Opera Puff Cigarettes.

THE INDIAN UPRISING.

Rumors of Another Fierce Engagement in Which Eighty Whites Are Massacred.

The Situation at Battleford and Prince Albert is Growing Every Hour More Serious.

EIGHTY MEN KILLED IN A SKIRMISH.

WINNIPEG, MAN., April 12.—While no reliable information can be had tonight from the West, rumor has it that the Ninth battalion had a skirmish with Reil's party within thirty miles of Humboldt, and that eighty men were killed.

Dispatches just received, however, do not confirm this statement. More troops go West to-morrow, and although this is Sunday, nothing can be seen on the streets but soldiers and cannons.

THE SITUATION AT PRINCE ALBERT.

ST. PAUL, MINN., April 12.—A Winnipeg special says: The following dispatch has just been received from Battleford:

"A courier scout just in from Prince Albert reports seeing 300 Indians, many mounted, at Point-of-the-Woods, on the Swift Current rail, two miles south of here. They found a large deposit of supplies on the Indian reserve. Everything is unchanged here, awaiting troops."

A Clark & Co. dispatch of last night says that the Battleford garrison can hold out till the arrival of the troops should the Fort Pitt Indians not reach there. The Indian programme is to take Fort Pitt and construct forces for an attack on Battleford. The health of the garrison is fairly good. There is little sickness. There has been one death, a child, and two births since the people were shut in the barracks.

NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST.

WINNIPEG, MAN., April 12.—The Hudson Bay company received a telegram from Battleford last night, sent by Indian Agent Ira, who is at that point, as follows:

"At Frog Lake eleven whites were massacred by the Indians. J. K. Simpson and two men of the Hudson Bay company are prisoners. The police and Chief Factor McLane, of the Hudson Bay company, at Fort Pitt, are fortifying themselves."

Advices from the front say Gen. Middleton's command is making good progress beyond Touchwood.

A Calgary dispatch says: "Gov. Dewdney left for the East yesterday after a conference with Crowfoot, in which that dignitary gave renewed assurance of his loyalty. The governor states that no Indians were crossing from the south and there was no occasion for anxiety at McLeod, but steps have been taken to place the fort in a position for defense. No more liquor permits are to be issued here until the rebellion is over. It is believed that Maj. Gen. Strang with a large force will move towards Edmonton and the north as soon as he has a sufficient number of men at his command and the land office appointments. The field will not be restricted for such positions. Citizens of the states, as well as of the territories, will be deemed eligible."

BROKE HER RUDDER.

One of the Trinity River Steamers Runs on a Snag.

Some days ago THE GAZETTE made mention of a miniature steamboat owned by Messrs Williams & Tuttle, which was making several trips daily up the West fork to a point three and a half miles above the city, and which would, when the stage of the water in the Trinity permitted, probably visit Dallas, demonstrating the fact that Fort Worth, and not Dallas, was the head of navigation. Since that time another steamer has entered the trade, the "Vanderbilt" owned by Mr. Chollar. Yesterday both boats made several trips, carrying a number of passengers, both ladies and gentlemen, who were delighted with the novel experience. During the fourth trip the rudder of the "Jay Gould," Williams & Tuttle's boat, struck a snag and was so badly broken that the boat was crippled and had to be laid up for repairs. The Vanderbilt continued to carry passengers, however, until late in the day. Steamboat navigation is something new to us people, but the young men who have given the business a boom propose to continue their laudable efforts until they have shown that this means of transit is both practicable and profitable. As soon as the Jay Gould is repaired both boats will again carry passengers. The wharf is near the ice factory, not far above the confluence of the Clear fork and West fork.

MAN vs. BEAST.

There were some five hundred people on the track yesterday to witness the contest of T. W. Eck on a bicycle against a local trotting horse. The assemblage contained a goodly sprinkling of ladies in full spring costume. Preliminary to the chief race of the day, Mlle. Armande, justly celebrated as one of the best lady bicyclists in the world, was pitted against a local trotter, best two out of three, quarter-mile heats; standing start for the horse running start for the bicyclist. It was a close and exciting race, but the quadruped proved too much for the wheelist, winning the first and third heats. Time, 0:50, 0:57, 0:56.

The five-mile race between Mr. Eck and the Fort Worth trotter

failed to elicit the enthusiasm of the crowd, many of whom conceived the notion that the driver was simply playing with Mr. Eck, and a wild cry arose from the crowd, "Give him one more mile out of the race." A few minutes prior to the race a GAZETTE man encountered the champion of Canada who alluded to the disadvantage under which he would enter the contest by reason of the strong wind then prevailing, as well as the imperfect condition of the track. The poor time (probably the poorest of Mr. Eck's match races) would seem to corroborate the champion's statement and assuage the chagrin of his admirers. The fact that the horse led from ten to fifty yards when the wind was in their teeth and the ease with which the wheelist made good this distance when the wind was in his favor, is mentioned by Mr. Eck's admirers as further explanation and excuse for his defeat. In this, as in Mlle. Armande's struggle, the horse proved the victor. Time, 2:15, the first mile being the slow time of 43.1. Very little money changed hands on the result.

Fire Department Meeting.

At the request of seven members of the fire department, the president has ordered a meeting to be held at Central hall to-night at 8 o'clock. The business to be transacted is important and interesting.

An impression prevails that forty-eight hours' notice of special meetings is required, but such is not the case, and this notice is all that is required under the rules. All members should be present.

Our Military.

The Fort Worth Rifles passed a delightful day yesterday as the guest of First-Lieut. Kleber Van Zandt, at his ranch near the city. The boys were dressed in full uniform and presented a handsome appearance as they drove out of the city. After reaching the ranch a considerable time was spent in drilling in the manual of arms and target-shooting. Lieut. Van Zandt and his estimable lady entertained the sons of Mars in a royal manner, and when the time came the boys, in true soldierly style, gave three times three for their host and hostess. It is to be hoped that no occasion will ever arise in this city or county when the militia will be called out, but should it be necessary, the company may be relied upon to do their full duty. Our bravest young men and most exemplary citizens are enrolled in this company.

The Recorder'ship.

There are at present four applicants for the recorder'ship with several more in prospective, and the question of the appointment is being generally discussed. There are those who hold that the term of the present incumbent does not expire until April, 1888, or when Mayor Smith retires; that the recorder was elected for the mayor's term. Others hold that the new council has power to appoint for the coming year.

A number of our citizens are demanding a reduction of the salary paid, which is, at present, \$100 per month. The duties of the office rarely requiring more than four hours' attention each day. Various sums are suggested as the proper amount, but \$50 per month seems to be the figure favored by a majority. The salary of the recorder does not come from fees, but comes directly from the treasury of the city out of the police fund made up by fines collected in the recorder's court. The canvass for the office has opened and promises to be lively.

THE CHINESE VICTORY.

Views of a Chinese Millionaire on the Franco-Chinese War.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Wong He Chong, the millionaire Chinese importer, was entertaining a party of friends to-night, celebrating the Chinese victory over the French. In response to a reporter's question he said: "This victory is nothing more than what we have long expected. The trouble is that the French authorities, in order not to lose prestige in the eyes of other nations, have systematically lied in regard to their Tongquese campaigns. The victories they have reported have invariably been little skirmishes, in which a corporal's guard on either side has been magnified into an army. On the other hand, their defeats have always been the result of a skirmishing party. The American press publishes the French version, and seldom if ever our own. I have seen our own reports and believe they are far nearer the truth than those of our foe. According to our figures over ten thousand French have been killed in the battle and 4000 have died from disease. We have lost probably twice as many, but with our population we can afford and are willing to lose one hundred times as many. People seem to forget that we have 400,000,000 people, and can lose 1,000,000 men without even knowing the fact. As for the blockade, that is sheer nonsense. We have no commerce of our own whatever. The Chinese are fishermen, and not sailors. We had a Chinese steamship company which owned a fleet of forty-one vessels, but at the beginning of the war this company sold out to English capitalists. Our commerce is almost monopolized by Great Britain, and you can safely rely upon it that England will never allow France to hurt her commercial interests in the East. England is sensitive around her pocket, and, war or no war, she will continue to carry Chinese freights so long as her power stands."

A Dishonest Postal Clerk.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 12.—P. M. Blackwell, a postal clerk on the Wabash railroad between here and Kansas City, was arrested to-day at the Union depot for robbing the mails. Blackwell's operations have extended over a period of two years, and he has not only stolen letters, but all kinds of merchandise passing through the mails. A considerable amount of stolen goods was found in his room here. He made a full confession and was locked up.

A French newspaper advertisement reads: "Want a conspicuously healthy-looking man to be a 'cured patient' in a doctor's office?"

AN ITEM OF INTEREST.

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WAITING TO BE CREMATED.

A Custom Rapidly Growing With Americans.

In one of the great January storms he unfinished crematory of the United States Cremation company, Long Island, was blown down and the company have had to spend about \$3500 in repairing the damage done. The opening of the crematory has been delayed about two months in consequence of the accident.

The building will not be sufficiently advanced to allow the burning of bodies before the 1st of May. There are now thirty-five bodies awaiting the completion of the furnace. Mr. Benglis, president of the cremation company, has recently obtained from ancient Egypt some Egyptian burial urns of terra cotta, as models, which may give our American potters some notion of what will be the most fitting receptacles for human ashes. The Egyptian urns are of different shapes, ornamented by designs in relief, according to the rank and history of the dead person. Several Trenton potters have examined them and have made some specimen urns of their own. It will not be necessary to have modern urns so large as those of antiquity, owing to our better methods of incineration. The combustion was not complete then. Bits of bones were left, whereas, with modern furnaces, nothing but a white ash will remain. The urns now needed will be ten or twelve inches high, and of about the same diameter. Of course, metal can be used, although if the urn is to be buried in the earth, or placed in an underground vault, pottery will be more lasting. The urns will cost from \$2 to \$50, according to their decoration. The name of the person for whose ashes the urn is intended may be burnt in the clay or raised above the surface.

Some discussion has occurred as to the final resting place of our burial urns in Italy, where cremation is rapidly becoming popular among the upper classes, the law requires the ashes to be left in a building attached to the crematories for two years in order that, should any suspicious poisoning arise, an analysis may be made. Mineral poisons could be traced in the ashes. It has been suggested that the cremation company, instead of selling plots of lands for the burial of urns, should erect a building containing a vast number of niches to be sold as are cemetery lots. It is probable that many persons will prefer to take the ashes of their dead relatives and friends home with them. One family in New York city keeps the ashes of three of its members in bronze urns in the family home, and funds their presence a consolation. Mr. Benglis believes that this feeling is common, and that the possibilities of keeping the ashes of one's dead near will lead many persons to favor cremation.

Where families have for many years owned vaults or cemetery lots, had been used by association, the urns may be buried in the earth, and, if undisturbed, will preserve the ashes for centuries.

An Editor Assaulted by Women.

NYACK, N. Y., April 12.—John V. Nyack, editor of the Independent Advertiser, was publicly assaulted with horsewhips to-day by the wives of two police constables for publishing offensive articles about their husbands.

EVERY YEAR.

Life is a round of losses every year: Men get married—"graduated"—every year; Last spring a whole soul relying; If a spring with lovers sighing; Are to nervous systems trying—every year; The days have less of gladness—every year; People strike more cruel badness—every year; Church fairs no longer charm us; Social ties perhaps alarm us—every year; We are fewer fair dream faces—every year; Fools get bigger in love—every year; Ah, the merry little matches; And the heart some maiden catches; Sleep in smothered ashes—every year; Ah, how sad to look before us—every year; And see foot come in to bore us—every year; See our locks becoming whiter; And our hair becoming grayer; And our nose, oh, getting lighter—every year—dark.

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